



City of Wichita

Wichita Police Department

Monthly Report

August 2005

2005 National Night Out Big Success

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Special points of interest:

In August 2005 crime was down seven percent compared to August 2004.



Wichita neighborhoods celebrated in style this year with extravagant parties and lots of food and fun on August 2.

For the third year in a row participation was up and the 22nd Annual National Night Out was a big success.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local

anti-crime programs;

- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods



are organized and fighting back.

A downtown kickoff in Old Town started the evening. According to Officer Heather Frazier, NNO coordinator, a number of city officials,

police officers, citizens and media representatives attended the kickoff.

KFDI radio station sponsored a large party and Target sponsored the downtown kickoff.

This was the first year that the Air Section was able to participate and that was a big hit.

A big thanks to all the officers who helped make the 2005 NNO a success.



Accessible parking program launched in August

The Community Affairs Bureau launched the Accessible Parking Program during the month of August. A presentation was made to Command Staff, and then information about the program was released to the media.

As a result of media coverage, Community Affairs took around 30

applications from citizens wanting to volunteer for the program. Lt. Mitch Dunbar and his staff selected 18 volunteers for the program.

The volunteers will go through a training process and should be ready to take over their new duties in October.

Lt. Governor visits Wichita for Project Child Safe

Lt. Governor John Moore stopped in Wichita as a part of the Project Child Safe program. He was promoting the program which makes free gun locks available to citizens.

In addition to the Lt. Governor, Police Chief Norman Williams, United States Attorney Eric Melgren and Kansas Highway Patrol Capt. Alan Stoeckline also addressed the media.

The Wichita Police Department received 500 of the gun locks for distribution, and after the extensive media coverage, only have a handful left, according to Lt. Mitch Dunbar.

The Community Affairs section hopes to receive more of the free gun locks next year.



Lt. Governor John Moore addresses the media in the WPD briefing room on August 11.

Increased foot patrols/stings hoped to impact 43 Beat

The 43 beat team was busy in August responding to citizen complaints about prostitution everywhere on the beat, especially in the area of 12th and Madison.

On Aug. 9 the team conducted a prostitution sting and focused on picking up prostitutes on the beat. The short sting netted six arrests for various prostitution offenses.

The team has also increased routine patrols in the area. Health Inspector Kristi Yeager and Beat Coordinator Courtney Pierce walked the area of 1100 to 1300 N. Madison, documenting every health code and housing violation, and notified owners that the violations needed to be addressed.

Officer Pierce helped address the criminal element by conducting stings and increasing patrols.

Health Inspector Yeager and Officer Pierce are addressing the health and housing violations in an attempt to prevent neighborhood decay in the area.

Officer Pierce also increased the hours of foot patrol in the area of 1000-1300 N. Estelle and reports having made many positive contacts with citizens.

Similar MO helps Officer identify shoplifter/robber

Working as a rotator in the Larceny Section, Officer Ken Davis was assigned to investigate a shoplift of four cartons of Marlboro cigarettes from a convenience store.

He recognized that the M.O., the suspect description, and the property that was stolen in his case was similar to several robberies that had occurred the same week.

Through his investigation, he

was able to locate an additional witness in his case and was able to determine who was driving the "get-away" car after the shoplift occurred.

The "get-away" driver agreed to come up to 6th Floor



for an interview, and positively identified the suspect, one of the suspects that Robbery Detectives had identified in their cases.

Officer Davis was able to clear his case and Robbery Detectives gained information to assist them in their cases. On August 30, the suspect was located and arrested on a felony pickup for the robbery cases.

Did You Know.....

During the month of August, WPD members received 80 CPRs that were generated internally and 58 that were generated externally.

The Professional Standards Bureau opened 10 external complaints on members of the Department during August. There were 26 internal complaints filed against 17 Department employees in August.

In the month of August, Field Services personnel issued 5,927 moving citations and 1,381 parking citations.

Thus far in 2005, the Awards committee has approved 340 awards. Of those, 266 went to Field Services, 56 to Investigations, and 18 to Support Services. A little more than half of those, 57 percent, were for traditional policing efforts; 43 percent were for community policing efforts.

On Aug. 26 the Gang Unit, TOPS Detectives and SCAT conducted a

parole sweep with State Parole and Juvenile Probation. The sweep resulted in five arrests and 10 probation violation warrants being drawn.

Detective Bob Gulliver worked a burglary case involving three gang members. These individuals also spray-painted graffiti at 56 different locations. Det. Gulliver charged all three with burglary, theft and 56 counts of vandalism.

Supervisory orientation sessions were conducted in August. Five eight-hour sessions were delivered in the last three weeks of the month to 16-20 personnel, including the Detectives that are currently on the Sergeant promotional list. The sessions went well and the feedback was very good from the participants.

The Air Section responded to assist officers with a car stop bailout and foot chase at 2300 S. West. The suspect had been lost on foot prior to the Air Section's arri-

val; however, after only a few minutes of searching the air crew observed him running out of a heavily covered tree line. The crew was able to keep the suspect illuminated with the helicopter searchlight and direct officers to his location. With the Air Section's assistance, the driver of what turned out to be a stolen vehicle was taken into custody.

The Warrant Office continues to make DV UCC service a priority. Year to date, UCC service is up 313 percent over 2004, with 427 DV UCCs served.

August saw 50 members attending DL hearings. There were few if any complaints. In fact, one officer attending advised the hearings "aren't as bad as they used to be."

Patrol West Officers have been working with the construction company working on river projects near the Indian Center to address ongoing vandalisms and larcenies in and around the site.

Agency Leaders of BTK Task Force meet with media in August



The BTK saga came to a close on August 18 when Dennis Rader received 10 life terms. On August 19, the leadership of the various agencies involved in the task force met with the media for the first time.

The press briefing was held in the 5th Floor Briefing Room. Those participating (left to right) were Sedgwick County Sheriff Gary Steed, FBI Special Agent in Charge Kevin Stafford from Kansas City, Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams and KBI Director Larry Welch of Topeka.

Officers' skills contribute to successful resolution

A citizen who had recently lost his wife, drew police attention on August 5 at the lake at Kingston Cove apartments.

One of the man's friends contacted him and the grieving man said "leave me alone" and that he was "going back to his apartment where he would arm himself and not hesitate to shoot if anyone came near him."

He was observed saying an Indian chant in his wife's honor, and tenants of the apartments called 911 due to his bizarre behavior.

Patrol South officers were dispatched to check the welfare of this individual.

Officer Chris Welsh, Officer Pat Boucard, and Sgt. Jeff Pike arrived on scene after hearing that the man had told the calling party he "had a gun and to leave him alone."

The Officers who were dispatched to check the welfare contacted the man and he told them he "did not want to talk and was not coming out."

He then slammed the door shut and locked it. The witness told the Officers that the suspect

had threatened to shoot at any officer in order to commit "suicide by cop" if they approached him.

Sgt Pike made contact with the suspect via phone, and the man said, "send your officers through the door and let's get it on."

Officers Boucard and Welsh took up a defensive position at the suspect's front door and relieved other officers to go to another apartment. Other officers took a defensive position behind cover on the North side of the residence covering the patio doors.

SWAT was called due to the suspect's aggressive behavior and threats against officers. Sgt. Pike continued to negotiate with the man for more than an hour, during which time Officers Boucard and Welsh heard the suspect rack the slide of what was later learned to be an AK-47. During this time, the man was also heard yelling and throwing unknown items around the apartment.

Just as the SWAT team was arriving on scene, the man exited his apartment and entered the hallway where Officers Boucard and Welsh were positioned. They convinced the man to surrender,

and he laid on the ground and was taken into custody with no shots fired.

In the apartment a cache of weapons were located including: an AK-47 with more than 700 rounds of ammunition; a Tec 9 with silencer and fully loaded extended magazine; a shotgun with extended tube fully loaded with eight rounds of 12 gauge buckshot; and a SKS rifle, to name a few.

Officer Boucard interviewed the man who signed a written waiver of the apartment, and as a result, all the weapons and ammunition were seized and submitted.

Due to Sgt. Pike's excellent negotiating skills and years of experience, he was able to diffuse a very volatile situation and negotiate the surrender of the man without a shot being fired.

What started out as a desire to die and join his wife, was turned into an opportunity to receive help largely due to the skills and abilities of Sgt. Pike, Officer Boucard and Officer Welsh.

Rose America continues to support Mounted Unit

Since its inception, the WPD Mounted Unit has had a friend in the Rose America Corporation, a local business located at 3100 S. Meridian.

Specializing in horse supplies, each year Rose America donates \$2,000 worth of tack.

Detective Shawn Pichler said

that Rose America's donation each year has a huge impact on the Mounted Unit.

To show WPD's gratitude for Rose America's generosity, Deputy Chief Terri Moses and members of the Mounted Unit presented Rose America representatives with certificates of appreciation.



Local Domestic Violence Program Launched Statewide

A domestic violence program that was started by the Wichita Police Department was launched state-wide in August.

Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline was in Wichita on Aug. 10 to announce that the Salons of Hope program would be expanded to the entire state of Kansas. A press briefing was held at the JC Penney Hair Salon at Towne East.

Salons of Hope is a collaborative effort between the YWCA and the Wichita Police Department. The program aims to involve salons in the fight against domestic violence. The goal of the program is to make



Capt. Felecia Norris, who helped start Salons of Hope in Wichita, talks to the media about the program going state-wide. Attorney General Phill Kline and Chief Norman Williams were also present at the media briefing.

gether in this effort."

The following trainings have been slated to assist in the state-wide initiative:

Nov. 7, Wichita State University, Rhatigan Student Center

Nov. 15, Lenexa, KS, Lenexa Police Department

April 17, 2006: Garden City, Kansas, Garden City Community College

July 17, 2006: Hays, KS, Kansas Highway Patrol (Hays Division)

salons a safe place where victims of domestic violence can receive information and resources for help.

"It is my hope that, by taking this initiative statewide, we will raise awareness of the dark secret of domestic violence and encourage victims of this abuse to seek help," Kline said. "I am honored to partner with cosmetologists, victims' rights groups, and law enforcement as we stand to-



Officer Brian Mock, Capt. Brent Allred, Lt. Tom Bridges and Officer Mike Lloyd attended the Salons of Hope media briefing.



City Departments work together to solve neighborhood issue

An ongoing problem on the Patrol West 12 Beat came to a close in August.

Throughout the month, patrol officers and Special Community Action Team officers concentrated on enforcement efforts at a residence in the 600 block of S. Martinson.

When traditional law enforcement measures proved ineffective, the beat team de-

cided to take it a step further and began working with other City Departments to resolve the problems. side agencies.

On Aug. 12 Officer Andre Parker met with the Office of Central Inspection and more than four pages of violations, in excess of \$10,000 in fines, were assessed on the property owner.

On Aug. 17, the Health De-

partment went to the house and addressed the outstanding health violations.

The residents were also arrested for cultivating marijuana in the back yard. They stated they were moving to Arkansas and have a for sale sign in the yard. A total of three arrests were made at the location during the month of August.

Department makes six promotions in August

The Wichita Police Department made the following promotions in August:



Sergeant Russell "Rusty" Leeds has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant for the Wichita Police Department. Lt. Leeds is a 17-year veteran of the Department

and most recently worked as the Patrol North Community Policing Sergeant. During his career with the Police Department, Lt. Leeds has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Bronze Wreath of Valor, the Distinguished Service Award, and the five and 10-year Safe Driving Award. Lt. Leeds is assigned to Patrol West 4th Watch.



Detective Robert "Bob" Gulliver has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant for the Wichita Police Department. Sgt. Gulliver is an 11-year veteran of the Department and most recently worked as a detective in the Gang/Felony Assault Section.

During his career with the Police Department, Sgt. Gulliver has been the recipient of the five and 10-year Safe Driving Award. Sgt. Gulliver is assigned to Patrol South 3rd Watch.

Detective Jose Salcido has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant for the Wichita Police Department.



Sgt. Salcido is a 10-year veteran of the Department and most recently worked as a detective in the Gang/Felony Assault section. Sgt. Salcido has

been the recipient of two Bronze Wreaths of Merit, the Distinguished Service Award, and the five-year Safe Driving Award. In 2003, Sgt. Salcido was named the WPD Officer of the Year. Sgt. Salcido's education includes a Master's degree in Business Administration. Sgt. Salcido is assigned to Patrol North 3rd Watch.



Officer Christopher Barratti has been promoted to the rank of Detective for the Wichita Police Department. Detective Barratti is a nine-year veteran of

the Department and most recently worked as a Beat Coordinator in the Patrol West Bureau. During his career with the Police Department, Detective Barratti has been the recipient of two Bronze Wreaths of Merit, three Distinguished Service Awards, and the five-year Safe Driving Award. Detective Barratti holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Detective Barratti is temporarily assigned to the Auto Theft section.

Officer Lee Eisenbise has been promoted to the rank of Detective for the Wichita Police Department.



Detective Eisenbise is an eight-year veteran of the Department and most recently worked as a Beat Coordinator in the Patrol West Bureau

and was a member of the BTK Task Force. During his career with the Police Department, Detective Eisenbise has been the recipient of the Bronze Wreath of Merit, the Police Shield, three Distinguished Service Awards and the five-year Safe Driving Award. Detective Eisenbise has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Detective Eisenbise is assigned to Sex/DV Crimes.

Officer Michael "Kelly" O'Brien



has been promoted to the rank of Detective for the Wichita Police Department. Detective O'Brien is an nine-year veteran of the Department and

most recently worked as a School Resource Officer and Beat Coordinator in the Patrol South Bureau. During his career with the Police Department, Detective O'Brien has been the recipient of the Department's Life Saving Award and Distinguished Service Award. Detective O'Brien has a Bachelor's degree in Business. Detective O'Brien is assigned to the Exploited and Missing Children Unit.

33 Beat Team addresses violent crime at local club



The 33 Beat in Patrol East was faced with some real challenges early in the summer when a night-club opened at 2600 S. Oliver without any type of licenses.

The club was operating as a "private party" establishment and police did not have Right of Entry and Inspection to determine if the club was following the private party ordinances (there aren't many).

Operating as a "private party" establishment, there was no set closing time, and the parties would often extend until 5 a.m.

Crowds at the club continued to grow to the point there were an estimated 900 patrons at the club at one time in July. The owner of the club is a known gang member and the head of security is a convicted murderer. Officers recognized many of the establishment's patrons as known gang members and convicted felons.

In order to address the concern, Beat Coordinator Steve Jerrell took full advantage of the 33 Beat Team and other Department resources.

He began working with Detective James Quinn, Special Investigations, on the licensing issues, and with the Gang Unit and TOPS unit on the patrons.

Det. Quinn was able to check for current applications for licenses and provide a direct link to the Law De-

partment for questions about private parties.

Once the establishment got a Dance Hall license, Det. Quinn was able to assist officers with the ordinances that pertained to Dance Halls.

The Gang Unit provided names of known gang members who frequented the club, and background information. The TOPS unit assisted in performing checks on patrons to determine if they were convicted felons or on probation or parole. Six patrons had their probation/parole violated because of TOPS information.

Once the club got its Drinking Establishment license, the background information that TOPS provided was used in a meeting with the club management to inform him that

City Ordinance 4.16.090 (b13 and b16) prohibited convicted felons from being employed there, and prohibited the club from knowingly allowing convicted felons on the property.

Not surprisingly, there was a homicide within a month of the club's opening.

It was determined that part of the problem at the club lay with the owners of the building. There have been four homicides at this location in a two-year period. During that same time there were at least five aggravated assaults, multiple drug and alcohol crimes, etc.

Because of this, the 33 Beat Team decided to attempt to get the Law Department to file a Public

Nuisance Law Suit against the building owners.

To accomplish this, they utilized SatinSiroky in the WPD Information and Technology section to pull crime statistics at the location for the past five years.

Personnel in the Records Bureau assisted by pulling all of the cases for the past five years.

The Beat Team also utilized the Air Section that assisted with aerial photos and conducted patrol/flyovers at the club.

Much of the work in addressing the problem fell on Patrol East Bureau personnel.

Captain Allred directed the Special Community Action Teams (SCAT) to remain visible on the club premises and to assist in keeping the crowds and problems down.

Many Patrol Officers assisted in working various criminal cases generated at the location, performing surveillance, enforcing ordinances, and dealing with the large crowds.

Officer Jerrell has worked to coordinate all aspects of the various enforcement and prevention efforts including meeting with the club owners, meeting with other area business owners, meeting with the Law Department, Councilmen Jim Skelton, etc.

Addressing issues at this hot spot in the 33 Beat has been a well-coordinated team effort with heavy involvement from all three Divisions of the Police Department.

Due to the diligent efforts of all the entities involved, attendance at the club has dropped drastically and no major crimes have occurred on the premises for the past month.

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**WPD members
gathered in the 5th
Floor Briefing
Room for August
promotions.**

August Promotions



Crime tip leads to Grand Jury indictment

Two suspected drug houses were identified by Officer Greg Robinson on the 38 Beat. Officer Robinson received credible information from a crime tip and immediately began working with SCAT to verify the information.

Officer Paul Herman and Officer Renay Bryand followed up on the information and identified the resident. They learned that the suspect had two prior federal convictions for possession of cocaine, and the officers were able to develop enough information and evidence to obtain a search warrant.

Officer Herman and Officer Dan Binkley set up surveillance on the suspect. The rest of the team waited to execute the search warrant on the residence.

The suspect was followed from the residence by Officers Binkley

and Herman, and a traffic stop was initiated at 13th and Erie.

Officer Binkley made contact with the suspect and asked him to step outside of the vehicle. The suspect then placed the vehicle into drive and took off.

Officers gave chase and the vehicle went around the corner and stopped. The suspect attempted to get out of the vehicle, but was locked inside. The suspect was taken into custody without incident, and was in possession of crack cocaine and powder cocaine.

While the suspect was in custody on the traffic stop, Patrol East SCAT and Officer Robinson executed a search warrant on the residence locating cocaine, marijuana, paraphernalia, a handgun and cash. A stolen motorcycle was also recovered.

The suspect was booked for possession of cocaine with intent to sell, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, no tax stamp, possession of a firearm after a prior felony conviction, obstruct legal process, and possession of stolen property.

A hold was placed on him for U.S. Parole, since he is currently under Federal Parole supervision.

This case was assigned to a Special Investigations Bureau Detective who prepared the case file and presented it to the Grand Jury.

The suspect was indicted and faces a life sentence due to effort put forth by all the Officers and the Detective.

All the officers involved continued to do follow up on leads developed from this case.